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**Notes from the Washington State
Department of Health, Tobacco
Prevention and Control Program**
What's new on the tobacco front?

Teens Outrage Seattle

June 27-28 were memorable days for the teen activists in our state's anti-tobacco movement. On those two days over 125 teens from all over Washington gathered at Seattle Pacific University for Outrage 98119, a youth summit sponsored by DOH. The event gave teens a chance to learn, network, plan, celebrate, and get energized to carry forward the fight against tobacco.

What will those who came remember? It may be talking one-on-one with Secretary of Health Mary Selecky, who gave the opening address in the morning, handed out Selecky Awards in the evening and was in the thick of activities during most of the rest of the day. It may be getting the facts about tobacco from experts, learning



facilitation skills, or seeing a lot of tobacco commercials in media literacy sessions. They may remember the food (which was very good) staying in a dorm (boys in one wing, girls in the other), and meeting a lot of new friends. They may remember John Keister cracking jokes at the awards ceremony, Shannon Brewer firing up the troops, or the presentations by Bremerton-Kitsap County's STAND!, Skagit HEAT and the teens from British Columbia.

And then there was the chance to see all six episodes of *Unfiltered*, DOH's Web-based reality show from its youth Web site Outrage Avenue. Afterward everyone had a chance to meet Piggy Thomas of MTV fame the host of *Unfiltered* and Eric, one of the teens featured in *Unfiltered*.

The Selecky Awards were another highlight. Teens and adults had a chance to cheer the individuals and groups that made notable contributions to the fight against tobacco during the past year. A list of award winners is included in this newsletter.

There was a lot more to remember: sharing stories and ideas, the free stuff (notebooks, mugs, vests, calculators, etc.), the outdoor games, the jazz café, the barbecue, making signs for the rally and the rally itself covered by TV cameras from Seattle stations.

A few people everyone should remember are the chaperones who stayed on high alert, and on task, night and day to make sure the event ran smoothly and without major incident.

Finally, thanks to the Outrage 98119 Planning Committee who put in more hours than they would like to count organizing a highly successful event. The members of the committee were:

Youth

Jen Funkhauser

Liz Kono

Dawn Powell

Shawn Shane Schmitt

Chris Sullivan

Adults

Heidi Ottley

Meredith Stinson

Tom Wiedemann

Selecky Award Winners

EVENT CATEGORY**Most Fun Youth Driven Event**

Wahkiakum High School “The Tobacco Club,” an original play

Best State Event

SOUL STOMP – a youth rally held at the state capitol in March 2001

Best Local Event

Wahkiakum High “The Tobacco Club”

YOUTH CATEGORY**Best High School Senior Contribution**

Dawn Powell, Kitsap County

Best Up-and-Coming Leader

Liz Kono, Pierce County

Most Involved Teen

Patricia “PJ” Barrett, Thurston County

Best Mentor to Kids

Shawn Shane Schmitt, Pierce County



Tom Wiedemann and Mary Selecky at the awards ceremony.

Most Inspirational Teen

Erik Mertens

Most Media-Visible Teen

Andrew “Ed” Morales, Kitsap County

ADULTS CATEGORY**Most Supportive Adult**

Roberta Kowald, Kitsap County

Most Inspirational Adult
Krista Petersen, Cowlitz County

Most Active Youth Coalition
STAND!, Kitsap County

GROUP CATEGORY

Best Logo
SOUL

Best Local Project

BREATHE, Southwest Washington Health District for "Bubble Jam" a teen dance staged with the Ridgefield High School chapter of Junior Statesmen of America

Youth Summit Attendance

The following counties and tribes sent youth representatives to the youth summit

Counties		
Adams	King	Walla Walla
Asotin	Kitsap	Whatcom
Benton-Franklin	Kittitas	Yakima
Chelan	Mason	British Columbia
Clallam	Okanogan	
Clark	Pacific	Tribes
Cowlitz	Pierce	Colville
Ferry	Skagit	Jamestown
Grays Harbor	Snohomish	Lummi
Grant	Spokane	Makah
Jefferson	Thurston	Swinomish
	Wahkiakum	

Budget Update

We are working on the Tobacco Prevention and Control Program budget for the 2002-2003 biennium, and although it is a time consuming process we are close to adopting a plan that should make effective use of the money available to us. We will provide you with complete information as soon as it is available

Bring Your Hiking Boots

On August 2nd, Snohomish Health District will host a meeting to discuss "Cessation Efforts at the Local Level." Topics of discussion will include 2002 cessation plans and county partnerships. There will be an opportunity to hear an update from DOH about its cessation programs including the Quit Line. Fifteen counties have RSVP'd and there is room for more!

Date: August 2, 2001 from 9am-1pm. **To register:** Call Jonnae Tillman at 425-339-8634

Afternoon Hike * Stunning Location * Outstanding Lunch

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